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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/041,982

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anita M. King

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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This is the second office action for application number 10/041,982, Display Device, filed on January 10, 2002. This application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,220,555 issued April 24, 2001.

***Response to Amendment***

The examiner respectfully apologizes for the delay in responding to the amendment filed on April 23, 2004. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Notice of Allowance, dated November 15, 2004, shown in PAIR is hereby vacated. The delay was unintentional.

The amendments filed on January 10, 2002, September 22, 2003, and April 23, 2004 are improper. The amendment filed on April 23, 2004 is improper since claims 6, 9, and 16 are amended relative to their previous versions and not the patent. It is requested that you submit a single amendment with only a single marked-up version of the claims showing their changes, as per Rule 1.173, relative to the patent with no other clean or marked-up copies. The amendment needs to make it clear that "this amendment is being submitted to replace the other three improper amendments which have not been entered". So in essence, the amendment is going to be made as if no changes have been made to the patent claims (since none of the amendments are enterable). If the amendments do not change the scope of the claims from the versions in the improper amendments, no supplemental declaration is needed.

Currently, claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

***Claim Objections***

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informality: in claim 6, line 17, "hinge" should be changed to --hinges--. Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims 9 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 9 recites the limitation "the display panel" in lines 3 and 5 and "the rear legs" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The original recitations were drawn to "a display section" as cited in claim 1, line 3 and "a rear leg" as cited in claim 9, line 5.

Claim 16 recites the limitation "the rear legs" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The original recitation was drawn to "a rear leg" as cited in claim 24.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-8 and 10-15 are allowed.

Claims 9 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


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**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita M. King whose telephone number is (571) 272-6817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on (571) 272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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